

**Make it safe. Clean it up. Close it down.**



*The X-Y Retriever during production operations, above left, and as it looks today, above right. Workers removed all part holders on Sept. 5. Part holders were permanently attached to the floor and held plutonium carriers that could be mechanically transported to any glovebox station in B707.*

## Workers empty X-Y Retriever

*By Ed Bodey*

Workers at the 707 Closure Project removed the last of 419 part holders from the X-Y Retriever on Sept. 5. Part holders are lead-lined, tapered cylinders that were attached to the floor of the X-Y Retriever vault and served as the storage location of "carriers" that contained finished weapons components, buttons or ingots.

The X-Y Retriever, which came on-line in 1972, was a significant innovation in the way

Rocky Flats stored material in vaults. The computerized, remote-controlled system allowed retrieval or placement of carriers anywhere in the x-y grid coordinates of the vault. From there, a chain conveyor could transport carriers to glovebox stations in any module of the building.

Removal of the part holders paves the way for decontamination of the floor in the highly-contaminated room. Workers will also begin

disassembling the gantry crane.

D&D workers responsible for the removal of the carriers are Foreman Keith Fournier, Lorenzo Bass, Carlos Medina, OD Serrano, Will Penney, Darrell VanFleet, Bill Crow, Maynard Harper and Grey Pelz. About a dozen 707 Closure Project workers supported the team from outside the vault.

## Building 776/777 waste takes off

### Aviation industry technology aids with waste loadout

On Aug. 22, B776/777 waste crews were soaring with the use of a technology transferred from the aviation industry to Rocky Flats using partial funding from DOE-EM's Office of Science and Technology (EM-50).

Crews safely raised, loaded and removed the first of what will likely be more than 100 waste cargo containers from the new second floor loadout of B776/777.

"The waste team did an excel-

lent job of adapting to the use of the new waste loader, making many improvements to the operations procedure along the way," said Mike Plankinton of Waste Operations.

Straight from the runways of Denver International Airport, the Main Deck Loader 40 (MDL-40) has a lifting capacity of 40,000 pounds and operates with a diesel motor and hydraulics.

When faced with the challenge of moving waste off the second floor of B776/777, project coordinator Jennifer Thompson searched the Internet for lifting equipment and ended up at the airport.

"With only an elevator to move waste from the second to first floor of B776/777, the waste team was hard pressed to keep pace with D&D waste generation – especially when the elevator was out of commission," Thompson said. "We wanted to avoid the use of cranes to pick the cargoes off of a stationary platform because of costs and potential hoisting and rigging risks associated with the limited space and overhead obstructions



*On Aug. 22, B776/777 waste crews safely off-loaded the first full cargo of SCO waste from the second floor using the MDL-40 lift pictured above.*

west of B776/777. The MDL-40 seemed like the perfect solution."

So, Rocky Flats partnered with Mercury GSE, an aviation ground support equipment supplier and the DOE's EM-50 organization to modify the MDL-40 for its innovative use at Rocky Flats.

"The MDL-40 had never been used outside the aviation industry," said Ron Spiegel of Mercury GSE. "We viewed working with Rocky Flats as an excellent opportunity to expand our capabilities especially

in light of the hard times facing the airlines industry today. We appreciate the opportunity to help serve Rocky Flats' needs and we look forward to helping in any other areas where the nuclear cleanup industry may need special equipment."

Before the MDL-40 could be used, much work had to be done by Kaiser-Hill Construction workers. The ground area was cleared

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# Safety is rewardi

By Bob Darr

The Safety, Engineering & Quality Programs (SE&QP) organization is seeking individuals or teams of employees who consistently practice safe work habits so they can be recognized for their commitment to a safe workplace.

Some of the recent Level II safety award winners are recognized on these pages. Level II safety awards are given to individuals or groups who identify an unsafe condition and bring it to the attention of others, including using their stop-work authority, completing complex and difficult operations or working for a long time without safety incidents or accidents. It also includes safety suggestions that, when implemented, have a positive impact on the job. Level II awards include Rocky Flats watches, hockey jerseys and mini color TVs.

The award winners were nominated by their co-workers, supervisors, managers or safety representatives. The information given for each award is taken directly from the nominating citation. Any Rocky Flats employee may nominate a person or group who they believe takes the extra step to work safely, for a safety award.

## 371/374 Raschig Ring crew rewarded for safe work

The 371/374 Project Raschig Ring Removal crew was recognized by the Safety Awards Program Aug. 26, for consistent performance in all three levels of the Safety Awards Program. According to the citation, the crew conducted excellent pre-evs, displayed good questioning attitudes, identified unsafe conditions and brought them to the attention of others, and performed safely together in unusually difficult circumstances.

In June, the crew completed a several year project of removing 600,000 pounds of Raschig rings from 75 tanks in B371. They completed the high-hazard assignment with no injuries or contamination events.

Each member received Rocky Flats watches in appreciation of their consistently safe performance.

The Raschig Ring crew is much like the offensive line of the Denver Broncos in that they don't like to have their picture taken.

## Howard's quick response recognized

Michael Howard B559, identified a potential cross-connection of the domestic hot water and process water systems during a facility modification. His attention to detail and pride of ownership regarding these systems prevented the cross-connection.

In addition, he identified potentially hazardous work situations with respect to piping supports during the fabrication. His quick response ensured the piping was adequately supported and the work was completed safely.



J.J. O'Brien, left, and Tom Rankin, right, congratulate Michael Howard for identifying a potentially hazardous work situation.



Steve Trujillo, JCUSC safety representative, left, and Ronnie Blea, B707/776/777 IH&S manager, right, congratulate Carey Fox and Rick Thompson for their quick thinking and response when a co-worker was injured.

## Fox, Thompson help injured co-worker

Years of training and experience served Carey Fox and Rick Thompson of B707/776/777 Project well when one of their co-workers accidentally cut his arm, nicking an artery and bleeding profusely.

Their quick action to calm the injured person, lay him down on the floor and control the bleed-

ing while waiting for site emergency medical responders to arrive significantly reduced the risk to their injured co-worker.

Both were trained in emergency response while serving as volunteer Arvada Fire Fighters, Fox as a first responder and Thompson as an emergency medical technician (EMT).



Material Stewardship's Holdup Measurements team, back row, from left: Mal Reed, Frank Lamb, Bill Auf Der Heyde, Kevin Chase, John Craven, Rocky Milano and Pat Eustrom. Front row, from left: John Fisher, Vern Jennings, Scott Sterkel, Mel Lehman, Karen Leitner, Keith Vair, Mike Maul and Ken Arnold.

## Holdup Measurements team sets safety standard

Material Stewardship's Holdup Measurements team has set a standard for safety that any organization would be proud to achieve. They work in some of the most inaccessible areas on site, climbing ladders to get into the overheads, working in tight quarters, in glove-boxes and near radiation sources.

Yet, they have gone more than 10 years without a recordable injury. And the only injury to a

team member was a minor first-aid nine years ago. In addition to their excellent industrial safety record, the team was recognized for incurring no skin contaminations or uptakes and no poor radiological work practices since 2000.

Holdup Measurements team members have never been cited for Be, Lock-Out/Tag-Out and fall protection/ladder violations or deficiencies.

## Property Management/PU&D reach five-year mark without injury

The Safety Award Program recognized members of the Property Management/PU&D crew for their accomplishments supporting the entire site. They often work in adverse weather conditions, handling and moving all sorts of material and equipment, and have

worked more than five years without a recordable injury or lost workday case. They consistently display a positive safety attitude, conduct excellent pre-evs and pre-job planning and identify and correct unsafe working conditions.



From left, Andrea Casillas, Eric Fairchild, Darrell Berg, Ed Brennan, Richard Link, Bob Flenthrope, Louis Fernandez and Max Schmaltz.



# Working at Rocky Flats



From left, Elaine Holcomb, Joe Cox, Asalele "Annie" White, Isidro Silva, Louie Sandoval, Albert Martinez, Dan Kubic. Front, Antonio Villsenor, and Vincent McKinnon.

## B771/774 crew works 20,000 hours without accident

The Building 771/774 Demco Asbestos Abatement crew worked over 20,000 man-hours without a lost time accident, first aid or contamination event. The crew has removed more than 15,000 square

feet of asbestos containing materials and approximately 3,000 linear feet of asbestos containing material pipe insulation since the start up in September 2003.

## Environmental coordinators work two-years without incident

Material Stewardship's environmental coordinators are responsible for ensuring environmental compliance (RCRA, air, water and wildlife) for all of the MS waste storage facilities.

They were nominated for a safety award because they deal with radiological and chemical exposure every day and have gone more than two years without a

radiological incident report (RIR), recordable injury or fall protection violation.

In addition, the team has passed 18 Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment audits with only two minor issues identified and completed a major beryllium labeling task ahead of schedule.



Back row, from left, Karen Lavorato, Deann Westbrook, Brent Lane, Don Brown. Front row, Janet Fox, Barb Koenig, Linda Damm and Ron Desotel.



Jim Winkler, center, is congratulated by Mark Spears, Material Stewardship vice president and project manager, left, and Kevin Bales, trucking manager.

## B771 Waste team safely supports D&D work

The B771 Waste team was recognized for outstanding safety performance in support of D&D operations. The Waste team is continuously working on improving waste shipping and supporting D&D process improvements to achieve an injury-free workplace.

They were nominated for a safety award for their long-term achievements in shipping contamination-free standard waste boxes and going more than 18 months

without a skin contamination. The team also maintained an injury rate well below the site average, incurring no recordable injuries during the past year.

In addition, the team has set high standards for waste handling with no criticality violations, no radiological incident reports (RIR)s for waste support operations for more than six months and no "Big 5" events in 2003.



From left, John Blackmon, Doug Osborne, Brian Carlson, Barb Retynski, Jimmy Sena, Gary Sly, Steve Cordova and Jason Roten. Not pictured, Ken Lontine, Jeanette Chavez, Gayle Hoffman, Kevin Oehrle, Lena Dimino, John Zeigler, Karry Cahill, Richard Rapue, Bruce Clark, Al Koch and Jeff Poole.

## B371 Electrical D&D team safely performs work



Dick Sexton, SE&QP deputy director, left, and far right, Ken McFadden, B371 OS&IH manager congratulate the B371 electrical D&D team, from left, Gary Smith, Barbara Lyons, Don Threlkeld, Patricia Lozano, Jerry McCabe and T.J. Lovato.

For more than a year the electrical D&D team in B371 has worked on live electrical systems, on elevated surfaces and conducted hoisting and rigging operations without any injuries, safety violations, skin con-

taminations or radiological incident reports (RIRs).

Their professionalism and dedication to working safely provides an excellent example for everyone at Rocky Flats.

## Winkler works 25-years without accident

Jim Winkler was recognized for 25 years of safe service without an accident or personal injury as a driver and driver supervisor at Rocky Flats.

Jim is always here, working safely with forklifts and trucks in all kinds of weather.

He stops work when encountering unsafe conditions and often helps solve problems that present safety risks for forklifts or trucks.

He is a true professional and a credit to Material Stewardship and the site.

– See Page 4 for more safety awards winners.





# Central Avenue D&D nearing completion

By Jackie Powers

Once a bustling main street, Central Avenue is now one of the best indicators of progress toward closure. Visitors and former site employees are awestruck by the changes – few buildings are left standing.

As last year’s demolition schedule began to take shape during RISS planning sessions, RISS Area Manager Cameron Freiboth, thought the schedule was at best, going to be a challenge. However, RISS like other site projects, has proven through past performance that they can meet aggressive schedules.

Then mid-year came and budgets across the site were adjusted to provide funding for other work. What in October 2002 seemed aggressive would now be even tougher to achieve as the site prioritized work while balancing limited resources and crews. For RISS, this meant that the demolition schedule for several buildings previously planned for 2003 was moved out to 2004.

Teamwork and innovation helped the project accomplish more work than they had projected at mid-year. Two hard-working RISS teams, the Asbestos Abatement team and the Demolition team, began demolition work that would significantly alter the skyline along Central Avenue.

In 2003, the RISS Asbestos Abatement crew and the Demolition crew worked hand-in-hand to safely D&D buildings 112, 441, 334, 551, 552, 865 and just north of Central Avenue, PACs and Portal 2. D&D of these facilities created more than 180 tons

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**Cameron Freiboth,  
RISS Area 3 manager**

of asbestos waste and 21,000 tons of demolition debris, equating to more than 1,700 truck loads of waste loaded by RISS and transported for disposal by Material Stewardship.

“The Asbestos Abatement team and the Demolition team safely completed a significant amount of demolition

work. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, RISS ended the year ahead of schedule. The support we received from Material Stewardship was also paramount to our success,” said Freiboth.

“The demolition of B865 went exceptionally well,” said Karen Wiemelt, RISS area project manager. “In fact, due to the similar construction of the buildings, lessons learned here can be applied in buildings 707 and 750.”

Demolition of buildings 991, 881, 116, 121 and 122 are scheduled for 2004.



This historic view of Central Avenue was taken in 1969. On the left is B111, demolished in 2002. Bottom right is B122. Construction of B371/374 is shown in the upper left-hand corner. The landscape of the site’s main street drastically changed in 2003 with the demolition of B112, B441, B334, B551, B552 and B865. Now, much of Central Avenue has been cleaned up and revegetated.



The RISS Demolition crew, from left, Skip Shuster, Mickey Pratt, Bryant Thomas, Doug Rosco, Dan Price, Steve Aldridge, Gary Leal, Ron Stede, Denny Ferrera, Rodney Oliver. Front Row, Paul Ford, Ernie Soto, Les Darco, Dave Robb, Pat Pfeifer, Ed Witthar, Mike Cafarella and Don Davis. Not pictured Joe Cabrera and Joel Hobbs.

## RISS Demo crew safely completes major D&D projects

The RISS Demolition crew received a Level II award for safely completing the D&D of buildings 790, 334, 551, valve vaults 428, 865, 441, 112, 552, PACs 2, and the razor wire around the PACs. All work was completed without even a first aid case.



The RISS Asbestos Abatement crew, from left, Jamie Reinbolt, Josh Kellerhals, Mike Reynolds, Paul Valenzuela, Joel Hobbs, Marcus Jamsay, Russ Simpson, Donna Werkheiser, Davolyn Stalder, Vincent Sanchez, David Rivera, John Escontrias, Jason Hugg and Forman Ken Weber. Not pictured, Carlos Cruz and Victoria Wren.



# For most, “Q” clearance no longer needed

By Bob Darr

For nearly 50 years, a “Q” clearance was required for almost everyone who worked at Rocky Flats. So much classified work was going on that even those who weren’t actively involved in production operations required clearances.

For some people the “Q” became a badge of honor, proclaiming to the world that they were Cold War warriors defending their country. As Rocky Flats moves ever nearer to closure and the end of its storied career, the need for security clearances has changed. Fewer than half of all the people working at Rocky Flats now carry a “Q” or an “L” clearance.

Now that the last weapons-usable material has left the site and the Protected Area has been closed, the need for a “Q” is limited to a very few people who access secret restricted data, which at Rocky Flats today are predominately documents. A “Q” is no longer required for access to any nuclear material on site.

The Department of Energy requires that clearances be terminated for anyone who doesn’t need access to classified matter or special nuclear material at levels requiring a clearance. Those few still requiring access to the remaining Category III SNM will only need an “L” clearance. Only those persons with access to Secret Restricted Data (SRD) require a “Q” clearance.

“It’s similar to the need-to-know concept in security,” Jody Giacomini, deputy program manager for Material Stewardship, said. “If you don’t need a “Q” to do your regular duties, we have to terminate or downgrade your clearance.”

Giacomini said that some “Q” clearances will be downgraded to “L” clearances for those who work in, or need access to the few limited areas remaining on site. If you don’t, you can expect your “Q” or “L” to be terminated. For example, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) cadre no longer requires a “Q” clearance, but will still need an “L” for access to classified National Security Information (NSI) that may be present in the EOC.

Material Stewardship is the first organization to be reviewed by Safeguards and Security (S&S) to determine what clearances will need

to be maintained. This month S&S began identifying individuals who have justification to retain a “Q” or “L” clearance. Those names will be given to project management, who will then concur with the recommendations or provide detailed justification for any additional persons requiring a clearance to perform their duties. Once project management concurrence is obtained, S&S will work with the project to schedule times for employees to pick up their new, uncleared or “L” cleared badges.

If things go as planned, the reduction in the number of clearances on site should be completed by the end of December. During this period, managers should continue to notify Personnel Security when an employee no longer requires a clearance in accordance with the Site Security Manual and DOE Orders.

**Questions and Answers:**

**Q:** Will I still be marketable to new employers if my clearance is terminated at Rocky Flats?  
**A:** Employers will find your previous clearance an asset. Generally, inactive clearances can be reinstated more readily than new clearances can be obtained. The previous clearance is a strong indication a candidate is “clearable.” Read employers postings closely and you will note that they state the candidate must be able to obtain a clearance – DOE Orders do not permit requiring applicants have a current clearance.

**Q:** How will a new employer differentiate

**I deker, Doyle receive patent**

After waiting three years for patent review and approval, Virgene Ideker, Kaiser-Hill analytical laboratory manager, Glenn Doyle, formerly DOE RFFO and Jim Siegwarth from the National Institute of Standards recently received approval for their waste characterization technology. The technology homogenizes heterogeneous waste without heat. Waste is homogenized to obtain a representative-sample without loss of volatile organic compounds. Use of the new technology minimizes the number of samples required and also minimize waste volume.


Rocky Flats is too far in the D&D process for the new technology to be beneficial at the site. However, the technology means a great deal for other DOE sites.

between candidates whose clearance was terminated because of changing work assignments as opposed to a termination for cause?

**A:** The DOE Central Clearance Processing Index records the action taken as a suspension or rescission rather than a termination when DOE orders a clearance removed for cause.

**Q:** How can I prove I had a clearance when interviewing with prospective employers?  
**A:** Personnel Security will provide employees with their clearance number and last investigation date, upon request. This data can easily be verified by potential employers. Contact Janice Leyba at x3208.

**Q:** How long does it take to have a clearance reinstated if new assignments require a clearance?  
**A:** Clearance reinstatement is determined by the DOE. For employees within the first four years following their last investigation reinstatement can take place rapidly, if no new derogatory information is available. Actual times vary widely based on DOE processing times, personnel security file review outcome, and factors the contractor cannot control. In the past, we have observed reinstatements approved in as little as a few weeks or as long as 10 months (if a reinvestigation is ordered).



*Virgene Ideker, Kaiser-Hill, and Glenn Doyle, formerly DOE-RFFO, celebrate news of their patent approval at an award ceremony on Sept. 8.*

**Excess equipment not free for taking**

“Where did it go?” is becoming a common question asked by employees when they return to their offices in the morning and find something missing. Sitewide, Security has noted a rise in suspected thefts. “As we get closer to the end of this project, some people may have the temptation to take government property off site without proper authorization,” said Jody Giacomini, deputy project manager for Material Stewardship – an action that could cost an employee their job according to Kaiser-Hill’s Standards of Conduct.

Under Kaiser-Hill’s Standards of Conduct, August 1999, “unauthorized use or possession of machines, tools, equipment, materials and/or supplies or removing or attempting to remove government property, or the property of a coworker from company premises without proper authorization” is a punishable offense.

“Since D&D began, we’ve received calls regarding employees emptying supplies out of abandoned desks or moving furniture out of ‘cold and dark’ buildings for use in other facilities,” explained Giacomini. This is an unauthorized use or possession. Employees are reminded that they should not enter buildings designat-

ed as ‘cold and dark’ for personal safety concerns.

Giacomini reported that Security has successfully stopped attempts by some employees to donate office supplies, such as white boards or three ring binders, to their churches, schools, etc. “We have some pretty generous people on site, but doing so is still against our Standards of Conduct,” she explained.

All excess supplies, equipment and furniture are destined for PU&D where the items are evaluated for resale or donation. If sold at auction, the money is returned to the site to fund closure activities. If approved for donation, a qualified list of recipients is reviewed and the items are donated.

Over the years, Kaiser-Hill has successfully donated excess computers and furniture to local charities. “Unfortunately, many organizations employees want us to donate to, don’t qualify. So the list remains limited,” said John Thompson, RISS facilities manager. “But the good news is that we’re still helping a lot of people through this process.”

Giacomini also reported on a new area of suspected theft. “We’re seeing an increase in items missing that have a ‘resale value.’ She highlighted a few items that have come up missing recently such as a VCR taken from the Tours and Visitor Center’s loading dock, an ergonomically engineered chair from T117A and a refrigerator and microwave from the T130 complex.

“We will continue to have a security force on site and we will continue to monitor activities. Outbound searches by the security force are ongoing,” said Giacomini. Each employee is expected to be familiar with the Standards of Conduct. Violations to the Standards of Conduct may subject the employee to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. If you are unfamiliar with this document, please contact your supervisor for a copy.

If you believe you are a witness or victim of theft, please contact the Security Operations Center, x2444.

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**EMPLOYEE CONCERNS  
HOTLINE**

Report concerns of waste, fraud and abuse to x7016 or 1-800-269-0157, press No. 2.



# Steelworkers design a better cargo container

By Lara Harrison

In early 2002, managers in B444 were concerned about the number of minor injuries suffered when loading cargo containers with low level waste. At the time, workers in B444 hand-packed each cargo, loading heavier items on the bottom and then topping off the load with lighter materials.

Occasionally workers suffered pinches and cuts because waste material had to be handled more than once — hand-loaded onto a cart at the point-of-generation, and then unloaded and re-loaded into the cargo.

To reduce the number of times the waste was handled and reduce the potential for injuries, the crew loaded waste into WEMS crates and then pushed the crates into the cargoes. However, the solution had a significant limitation. The WEMS crates were too big to double-stack in the cargo container so the load required blocking, bracing and foaming before it could be shipped.

A carpenter by trade, Steelworker Ronald Rountree, assigned to B444 at the time, recognized the need for a more efficient way to pack waste into cargo containers. Working at home, he designed a crate that could be constructed from standard lumber.

Rountree enlisted the help of fellow carpenter Eric Falkenthal and created a prototype waste crate for B444. Use of their prototype allowed workers to stack crates two high, nearly reaching the ceiling in the cargo container. Because of the efficient use of the space, blocking, bracing or foaming was unnecessary. Rountree and Falkenthal called their creation the Ronthal crate. Early estimates projected a saving of \$100 per crate to construct a Ronthal crate over the purchase of a WEMS crate. And the Ronthal crate's dimensions allowed for 16 or 20 crates per cargo container.

Acceptance of the new container was immediate and enthusiastic.

"When we started using the Ronthal containers, the injuries stopped and the workers

liked them because they only had to handle the waste once. Plus loading them into the cargoes was easy," said RISS B444 Manager Karl Shuler. Word got around and B881 ordered a batch. Suddenly the crates were in such demand that Rountree and Falkenthal had a hard time keeping up.

Not content with their initial success, Rountree continues to think about product improvements and applications. "Now we have a template and can provide customers with custom orders to fit all sizes and shapes of equip-

ment," said Rountree. "As long as the base remains stable, we can leave a side down so you don't have to lift the equipment over the top of the crate. We can build the walls around it."

"Use of the Ronthal crates increased packing density approximately 20 percent, which in turn lowered the site's overall disposal costs. It doesn't get any better when safety is improved while simultaneously lowering costs," said RISS Deputy Project Manager Frank Gibbs.



Nuclear Express team members included, back left, Dave Thistlewood, Doug Rosco, Chis Buschy, Jim Krause, Mike Conilogue, Frank Gibbs and Troy Devan. Front left, Billy Hennion, Tom Hergert, Cameron Freiboth, Bob Garren and Eric Johnson.

## Nuclear Express new softball champs

The 20th Annual Rocky Flats Softball Tournament was held at the Youth Memorial Complex in Arvada on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Nine teams competed in the day-long, double-elimination tournament. First place went to Nuclear Express, with second place

going to STB (Simply The Best) and third to Bartlett.

Special thanks to the tournament organizers Scott Archuleta, Tom Deherrera and Kevin Newby.

# Matjazic puts artistic twist on site history



Peggy Matjazic is working on a quilt fashioned from Rocky Flats tee shirts.

By Jeanna Blatt

Peggy Matjazic displays one of the images she will use to put together a Rocky Flats history quilt.

One of the oldest American traditions is storytelling—preserving our heritage for future generations. Following that tradition, Peggy Matjazic, RISS radiological control technician, is piecing together the history of Rocky Flats through quilting.

"For me, this is a way to honor all of the friends I have made over the years," said Matjazic. "I have spent a good part of my life here and want to create a historical timeline of Rocky's history."

She has collected shirts from all Rocky Flats contractors, subcontractors, unions and the DOE. Missing in her collection is representation from external stakeholder groups, EG&G, Rockwell and Foster-Wheeler.

Two items on the top of her wish list, a tee shirt that states, "Get nuclear wasted at the Rocky Flats Lounge," and another that shows a mushroom cloud with a B-1 Bomber. If you have one of these tee shirts and would like to donate it, please bring it to T130B, cube 81/82.

If you would like to help out but don't want to part with your memento, a color transfer of your shirt logo can be made.

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# Make the most of your benefits

By Kaiser-Hill Human Resources and Mercer Consulting

Look for health care open enrollment materials coming your way in the next few weeks. Open enrollment will be Monday, Oct. 20 through Friday, Oct. 31. Kaiser-Hill, Rocky Flats Closure Site Services, Safe Sites of Colorado, DynCorp, and Wackenhut Services employees will have the opportunity to update or change their benefits for 2004.

As you may have read in the papers, health care costs continue to rise. Both employers and employees are feeling the effects. Kaiser-Hill has been working hard to keep costs from rising significantly and cost management has helped. With open enrollment quickly approaching, we want to help you make the most of your benefits.

Here are some ideas that can help to keep health care costs down.

- **Review all your health plan choices carefully.** Open enrollment is a good time to re-evaluate your health coverage. After all, the first step in getting quality health care at the right price is having the right medical plan for you – one that meets your needs without breaking your budget. Your enrollment materials will provide information to help you make informed choices.
- **Know how your plan works.** Be sure to know what services are covered, how much those services cost and the coverage limits. Also, know where to go for your routine appointments, as well as urgent or emergency care. This includes knowing what hours these facilities are open, where you need to go if they are closed and whether your doctor takes phone calls after hours.

- **Choose a doctor.** Even if your medical plan doesn't require you to choose a primary doctor, it's a good idea to do so. Having a doctor who knows your medical history reduces chances for error and helps ensure you get the right care. Consider finding a doctor who focuses on prevention, encourages healthy behavior, helps you manage your health risks, listens to you and makes you feel comfortable asking questions. Remember, you save money by choosing doctors in your plan's network. Check information in your upcoming health care open enrollment packets for your plan's Website that provides a list of network doctors.
- **Speak up.** To manage your health care dollars and get the best care possible, you need to be an active, informed partner in your care. A good doctor won't be offended if you speak up or ask questions. To start, jot down questions before your appointment

and be open with the doctor about your health concerns, your current health status and any medications you're taking. Then always make sure you understand treatment options, costs and what's next anytime your doctor makes a health recommendation.

- **Take care of your health.** To be healthy, we need to eat healthier, exercise and take care of ourselves. We can all improve in these areas. With health care costs rising astronomically, we now have one more reason to get healthy. Taking care of ourselves will not only protect our health, but reduce our costs.

By thoroughly understanding your health care coverage, communicating more proactively with your doctor and asking appropriate questions, you can make informed benefit decisions that will meet you and your family's needs while staying within your budget.

## AROUND THE COMPLEX

- Southeastern New Mexico has been proposed as the home to a \$1.8 billion uranium enrichment plant that will create more than 250 full-time jobs. The new plant is expected to come on-line some time after 2010. It will be located near Hobbs, N.M., approximately 70 miles from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M. The Carlsbad area is also a candidate for a new plutonium pit manufacturing facility the DOE plans to build. Fierce competition is building among

the handful of sites on the short list. DOE is expected to decide next spring.

- Wackenhut Services, Inc., the security contractor in Oak Ridge, scored "outstanding" performance marks for the 6-month period ending July 9. The security contractor earned an overall score of 98 percent from DOE and 99 percent from the National Nuclear Security Administration, the highest ratings since taking over the Oak Ridge contract in 2000.

## RFETS Storm Water Pollution Prevention Challenge

**Across**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ a disturbed soil area with seeding and hydromulching is one method of stabilizing soil so sediment does not get carried away with runoff.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ are storm water structures that convey water under roads.

7. Storm \_\_\_\_\_ at RFETS do not connect to treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and streams.

8. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan RFETS must abide by is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Polluted \_\_\_\_\_ is the nation's No. 1 water quality problem.

10. The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream or groundwater is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

13. Dumpsters must be \_\_\_\_\_ so precipitation does not run through the collected waste.

14. Wetland plants act like a natural water \_\_\_\_\_, removing harmful pollutants from storm water runoff.

15. A single quart of motor \_\_\_\_\_, if disposed of improperly or spilled, can pollute two million gallons of water.

16. Polluted runoff (also called \_\_\_\_\_ source pollution) comes from so many places so it's hard to "pinpoint" a source.

**Down**

1. Good \_\_\_\_\_ is a practice that prevents trash and other potential pollutants from reaching RFETS drainages.

2. Too much \_\_\_\_\_ in water can harm aquatic life.

3. Excess sediment, nutrients, toxins, and pathogens are all types of runoff \_\_\_\_\_.

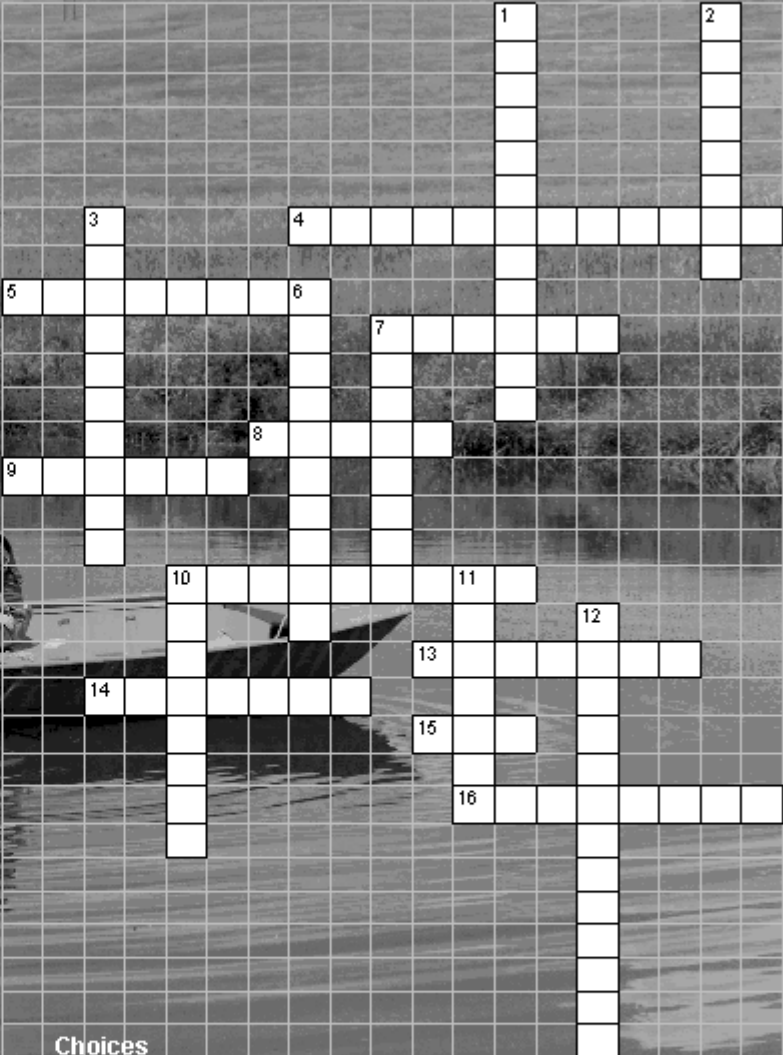
6. Installing silt fences and \_\_\_\_\_ are two erosion control measures which keep sediment and other pollutants out of the RFETS drainages.

7. Fuel fired equipment such as portable generators or air compressors require \_\_\_\_\_ when in-use.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ prevent flooding, improve water quality and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish and wildlife.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.

12. Secondary containment around tanks and transformers can collect water from \_\_\_\_\_, which should be managed as an Incidental Water.



**Choices**

covered	housekeeping	runoff
culverts	nonpoint	sediment
drip pans	oil	straw bales
drains	pollutants	SWPPP
erosion	precipitation	watershed
filters	revegetating	wetlands

**Call Surface Water Operations (Jennifer Meints, x8218) with any Storm Water questions!**

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of obstructions and leveled, a 10-foot by 10-foot hole was cut in the second floor, and a roll-up door was installed.

“This project presented some unique challenges in terms of coordinating the use of the MDL-40 which was new to the site and to us,” explained Construction Superintendent Bill Mullen. “But our guys jumped right in and the equipment turned out to be fairly easy to operate – a lot like a remote-controlled car.”

The project worked closely with the Fire Department, Site Security and Transportation to facilitate blocking of the roadway west of B776/777 and with Plant Power on overhead power line safety.

The MDL-40 itself underwent a remake.

Controls had to be altered to allow the equipment to be used in the reverse position, safety mechanisms and mechanical adjustments had to be made to allow it to remain in the up position for days at a time. A remote-controlled pendant was added for ease of operation and to eliminate the need for ladders. Safety straps were incorporated to keep the cargo from shifting during operations guards, cages and bumpers were added to improve safety. An aluminum plate was fabricated to allow the waste cargo bottom to fit snugly to the rollers for optimal movement. Finally, a load cell was installed to determine cargo weight based on tension on the lifting chains.

## Hoelzle “10-days of Radcon” grand prize winner

The 371/374 Project awarded the “10 days of Radcon” grand prize to Frank Hoelzle. Hoelzle, who supports D&D activities in B374, won a Bose wave radio.

In addition to the grand prize, B371/374 workers observed practicing good radiological control practices were qualified for a daily drawing that awarded movie and video rental passes.



Frank Hoelzle, left, receives a Bose wave radio from Steve McNitt, B371 rad safety manager.

## Job Fair

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companies in the Denver  
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# declassifieds

### AUTOMOBILES/ MOTORCYCLES

1968 Dodge Charger, 383 magnum, 350 hp. 727 torque-flite, no rust, needs interior work, \$4,500 or best offer. Beth, 303-853-9788.

1985 Subaru DL, 5-speed, new tires and shocks, rebuilt carburetor, custom CD player, \$1,100. Eric, 303-246-5912.

1991 Camaro, new tires and battery, 83,000 miles, AC, 5-speed, 5-liter, Viper alarm, great condition, one owner, \$3,800 or best offer. Dave, 303-771-6074.

1991 Dodge Ram Wagon, B250, eight passenger bench van with camper package, conversion to bed and dining table configuration, storage bin seats, 139,000 miles, new tires and radiator, rebuilt transmission, snow chains, \$2,500. Robert, 303-438-0017.

Manic Chromed grill guard and step bars for a 1992-1999 Chevy Suburban, great condition. Angel, 303-470-1234.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Gemeinhardt M3 Flute, solid silver head, open hole, in-line, great

sound, good condition, great for intermediate player, \$350. Jim, 303-469-4497.

Need to escape? Rent Frisco condo, two blocks from Main Street, 3-bdrm., sleeps 5, 2-bth., kitchen, indoor pool and hot tub, rental rate varies depending on month, average nightly rate is \$175. Donna, 303-420-6848.

Ski boots, men's size 13, Solomon SX92 E, rear entry boots, \$25, men's Spyder ski jacket, size XL, grey and teal, \$25. Rob, 303-279-6960.

Kids desk with book shelves and

chair, \$40; dining room set, six metal and cloth chairs and glass table, \$200. Mark, 303-809-4792.

For rent, 1-bdrm. condo, gas fireplace, AC, swimming pool, trash pickup and water included, Westminster, \$750/mo., available Oct. 1. John, 303-431-5272.

### TRAILERS/CAMPERS/BOATS

Great Divide camper, hard-side for pickup truck, 16-ft. total length, bathroom, etc., \$300. Nick, 303-464-8521

## Declassifieds

- Only Rocky Flats Site employees are eligible to place ads.
- Please use the form at right to submit your ad. Or send your ad via e-mail to Jackie Powers, or via the Intranet (Home Page/News & Info/Communication Division/Declassifieds).
- Ads should be no more than 20 words.
- Check category in which the ad is to be included.
- Home phone numbers must be used in the ads, except for items in the Lost/Found and Vanpools/Carpools categories.
- Site extension must be included (in case information needs to be verified).
- Only one ad per issue (ads will not be re-run unless they are resubmitted).
- Ads for garage sales or personal businesses will not be run.
- Ads for real estate can be placed only by owners and will include the phrase “for sale by owner.”
- No ads for guns/other weapons will be accepted.
- Mail or bring ads to T130B, Cube 80.
- Declassifieds are accepted on a first-come basis.
- Deadline is six working days before the desired publication date.
- Employees who submit fictitious ads will be subject to disciplinary action based on company standards of conduct.

### Category (check one)

- Animals
- Automobiles/Motorcycles
- Lost/Found

- Miscellaneous
- Trailers/Campers/Boats
- Vanpools/Carpools

- Wanted

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